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Accordingly, applicants' attorney respectfully requests that the holding of abandonment mailed on January 11, 2005 be withdrawn. A response to the May 24, 2004 Office Action was filed on March 14, 2005.

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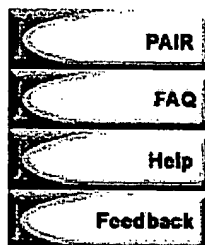
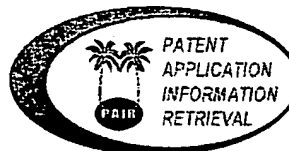
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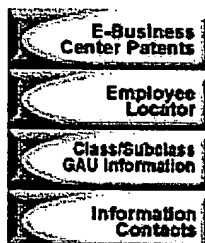
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